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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Willie Mae Allen**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to False Criminal Complaints.

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Chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38 the following section:—
Section 38A. Any person found to have deliberately brought a false charge in seeking a criminal complaint shall make restitution to the person accused for any costs, lost wages and attorneys’ fees and may be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Willie Mae Allen | 6th Suffolk |
| Carlo P. Basile | 1st Suffolk |
| Cleon H. Turner | 1st Barnstable |

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